ORA and its partners have developed EZview.wa.gov as a specialized web tool to coordinate and support efficient environmental and regulatory decision-making for transportation, planning and public works projects.

What is EZview.wa.gov?

The secure and flexible web tool allows agencies and local governments to collaborate, comment, notify and document project activities. The web tool was developed by the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) with significant help from the Association of Washington Cities, Washington State Association of Counties and a multi-agency advisory group and business team.

Key Features

The online web tool provides an environment to document and manage transportation, planning, public works and other development projects and processes. It serves as an online portal to allow interested and affected parties to view project activities, locations and documentation. A public comment feature is also available. The service brings applicants and agency reviewers together into a single space to easily store, share and view project-, planning-, and funding-related information.

▶ **Project Coordination** – Provides applicants, agencies and others with a secure web environment to develop and track projects.

▶ **Project Mapping and Notification** – Displays the locations of planned and permitted activities. Supports reporting on location and status of public

Overview

EZview.wa.gov can be used for:

▶ **Project Coordination.**

▶ **Project Mapping and Notification.**

▶ **WSDOT Cultural Resource Project Tracking.**

▶ **Early Project Review.**

works and road maintenance actions covered by programmatic permits.

▶ **Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Cultural Resource Project Tracking** – Provides interested parties with secure, project-specific websites to share comments, submit questions and review project documents. Accepts requests to participate as consulting parties.

▶ **Early Project Review** – Allows applicants to post documents, drawings, plans, pictures and more for early agency review. Provides a virtual pre-application experience.

Solution to a Complex Process

The web tool provides a solution to existing transportation, infrastructure and permitting challenges resulting from a multitude of programs, applications, timelines and regulatory requirements that are not always well coordinated and synchronized. Fixing the overall regulatory and infrastructure coordination and synchronization challenge takes time. In the meanwhile, the tool is available to:

▶ Organize project information for better decision-making.

- ► Enhance transparency and public access to project information.
- ► Help people identify and understand requirements and prepare a variety of applications.
- ► Reduce project delays resulting from incomplete applications. Minimize requests for additional information.
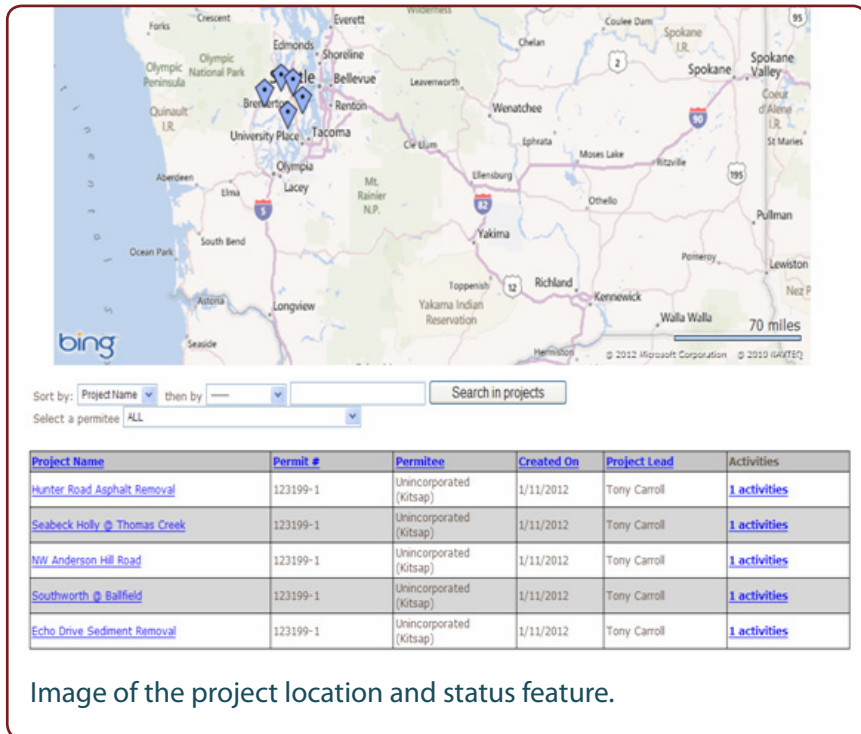
Benefits

- ► Provides document sharing for improved communication and more efficient decision-making.
- ► Offers accountability, consistency and transparency.
- ► Has a simple and understandable interface.

Image of the project location and status feature.

For the Future

Currently, the tool supports an online place for efficient, collaborative and transparent review. Because the web tool can be customized and expanded, ideas to explore in the future include:

- ► **One Stop Application Center** – For multiple permits, checklists or grant and loan funding.
- ► **Advanced Search Tools** – Making documents fully searchable within all sites.
- ► **New Mapping** – Showing additional project and site information.
- ► **Enhanced Reporting** – Promoting greater transparency and accountability for decision-making.
- ► **Backend Integration with Agency Systems** – Eliminating duplicative data entry.
- ► **Resources Tab** – Linking to other online tools.

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